

# LETTERS

## Yoshio Kawada, '12

Dear Sirs:

In the May issue, in naming Arai Itano and Chas. Okada as early Japanese students at MAC, Sam Langdon, '11, neglected or forgot to mention that fine gentleman, Yoshio Kawada, of Kure, Japan, who graduated in 1912.

I took some special work with him from Dr. Bessey in the summer of 1911. On our return trip from the Philippine Islands in 1917, my wife, Hannah Williamson, '11, and I had dinner with Yoshio and he showed us part of Kobe. He was then connected with the Kobe Post Office in military censorship work.

This would make Dr. Naito, '20, at best No. 4.

J. H. Tibbs, '12  
Fresno, California

**Ed Note:** A check of the records reveals that a number of Japanese students were on campus in the 1800s.

## Book Wanted

Dear Sir:

I am interested in procuring—in good condition—a paperback book titled, *Biographical Sketches of American Artists*, 5th edition revised and enlarged, published by the Michigan State Library, Lansing, in 1924.

The Michigan State Library at Lansing has just advised me that "this publication is out of print and none available for distribution. It was distributed without cost at the time of publication." For students I believe.

I'm wondering if it is possible that some one of your members might have this book. Could, or would, you print my request in your next alumni bulletin? Then if anyone does have a copy, you could let me know.

Any suggestions or help you can offer will be greatly appreciated at this time.

(Miss) Virginia Dessauer  
131 So. 39th St.  
Omaha, Nebraska, 68131

## Vocal Minority

Dear Sir:

With respect to your comments in the May Alumni Magazine, did or did not MSU assist the Central Intelligence Agency in Vietnam? Who cares, except for that bearded unwashed vocal minority of pseudo-"students" who would assist those intent upon destroying the United States?

The only thing that should disturb MSU alumni is that the University should feel obligated to answer "charges" that MSU may have assisted our government in a matter of national interest.

Jack Rice, '56  
Middleton, Wis.

## My Stand

Dear Sir:

I received my Alumni Magazine today which reminded me to write and reaffirm my stand with MSU officials and its policies.

Also please note change of address, I don't want to miss any Alumni Magazines.

Norman J. Virag, '64  
Athens, Georgia

## The Right To Protest

Dear Sir:

Suppose for a moment the worst fears of the critics are true, that the University did in fact cooperate to some extent with the CIA. Suppose even that the University cooperated to the fullest extent. Just what in God's green earth is wrong with that?

The CIA is a legal, official arm of this country's government. Have we really reached that point in time when it is more desirable not to cooperate with one's government?

Perhaps we have, when it is more fashionable to carry a protest sign than to carry a torch (or to bear arms to defend the right to protest). When it is more fashionable to worry about the rights of the criminal and forget about the rights of the victim. When it is in high style to pick and choose which of the nation's laws one will honor and which one will ignore—because that's an unjust law.

Perhaps we have reached a sad time indeed, when it's "blowin' your cool" to visit the Capitol or Arlington Cemetery instead of the latest go-go joint in Washington, or to get a shiver down your spine when a band plays the national anthem. . . . I still get it every time.

Boys who look like girls and girls who look like boys I can take. That's just silly and will pass. But there are much deeper, more disturbing fashions in vogue today. The horrified reaction to possible cooperation with the CIA is but one outcropping.

Student protest is good. Lord knows I did enough of it in my brief stay in

East Lansing. But there are some basics, and some limits.

Apparently there is little truth to the allegation that the University did, in fact, cooperate in any CIA activities. I'm not positive. But even if it did, I'm not the least embarrassed by it. And those who are had best do a little objective research and thinking. Perhaps they will realize that the Far East is not all a nice little garden filled with quaint houses and lotus blossoms.

Perhaps, also, they might wind up thanking their lucky stars that not all of us burned our draft cards, and also thankful that there is a CIA in which men put their lives on the line (yes, they actually get killed, like dead) to defend, among other things, the right to protest.

William Callahan, '60  
Painted Post, N. Y.

## Applaud

Dear Sir:

I am proud and delighted to learn of the assistance given to the Central Intelligence Agency in Vietnam, advertently or inadvertently. All loyal citizens of these United States should applaud such action, and I am sure that all would be eager to give similar assistance in our struggle to halt communist aggression in South Vietnam. In fact all instrumentalities of Federal, State and Local Government should be available for such assistance. Many of my acquaintances having no connection with Michigan State University, have called to express their pleasure when they learned of Michigan State's part in the Vietnam project.

It is deplorable that we have misguided individuals who hide behind the terms, "academic freedom" and "student activism" and perhaps unknowingly work diligently to destroy the foundations of our freedom and democratic government.

Harold E. Sprague, '30  
Winter Haven, Fla.

## Magazine Is Conservative

Dear Sir:

Consider me as one of the many alumni who are ashamed of the actions MSU took in support of the military dictatorship in Saigon. In the same tone, I would take greater pride in the Alumni Magazine if it lessened its oftentimes conservative attitude toward MSU and national events, if it appeared to recognize that an MSU alumnus need not automatically disagree with graduation day anti-Humphrey pickets, for example.

Michael Post, '65  
Grand Blanc, Mich.